

*Water and its
Politics*

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The major issue in Punjab is water and the farmers of Punjab are raising their voices against the central government of India for justice.



For some people, the activists asking for their rights are referred to as Khalistan's promoters, and they are not fully wrong, some people among the farmers are leading the struggle in a different direction where they want a separate state.

The local populace doesn't want a separate state such as Khalistan, as their ancestors shed their blood and tears for this land and its people, but all of them are portrayed as Khalistanis by the Indian media and the governmental agenda is supporting the media, and therefore are neglecting the demands of people in Punjab.

In the mentioned article, a famous singer and lyricist Sidhu Moose Wala described the history of the SYL canal, and the issues related to it. The song also mentions the name Balwinder Singh Jattana who is referred to as a terrorist because he shot two governmental officials and stopped the construction work SYL link, but he is referred to as a Sikh hero for the people of Punjab.

The central government wants to avoid the compensation owed to Punjab which is why they are promoting the activists as Khalistanis; whereas some people found this opportunity to raise a conflict on the national level and are promoting Khalistan to break India. No one cares about the water, no one cares about the farmers, no one cares about the fertility of the land, and the major flaw is the number for suicide rates are increasing because farmers don't have enough money to pay their loans.

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